Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you had an enjoyable break.

It will be a busy term as we prepare the students for their end of year assessments and then for end of year events. The majority of assessments will take place between October 27 and November 7. There is a calendar on our school website showing you when important events will be occurring.

Absences

Please remember that it is a legal requirement that students attend school every day. If your child is sick then please supply a note the following day. You can also ring the office and provide a verbal reason for absence. Very occasionally students may need to be absent for an appointment or event. Notes also need to be provided for these occasions. School holidays are very generous. The Department’s Attendance policy discourages anyone from taking family holidays during school time.

Canteen

Our Canteen Manager is unable to operate the Canteen during the first half of term. We wish Trish well and look forward to seeing her back later in the year.

In the meantime we are in desperate need of volunteers. The Canteen is very well used by the school and is a significant source of income for the P & C. Every day that it is closed is a real loss to the school and the students. Even if you can only volunteer one day this term, you will have made a very positive contribution to our school and your time will be greatly appreciated by the children. Please ring Sidone Lambert (P & C President) on 0416 230 739 to let her know if there is a day that you can help out.

Active After School

We have two sports in operation this term beginning Week 3. Surfing is on Tuesdays and is for a maximum of 16 students in Years 4—6. Surfboards are provided but you need to provide transport to the beach. Cricket is on Thursdays but with a maximum intake of 20 students, it is now full. Mr D and Mrs Thomas will be the supervising teachers.

School Planning

You are invited to attend two of our staff meetings this term where we will be defining the three key target areas for the following three years and planning for how these will be achieved. The dates are Monday, 3 November and Monday, 17 November from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Please put these dates into your diary. We would really like to see you there to get a broad perspective of your priorities for your child’s education.

In the school foyer there are some sheets on display showing the range of programs that we provide. On your next visit to the school it would be appreciated if you would give us some feedback through a ranking activity. You will be asked to put some coloured dots against the names of the programs which you most value and areas for improvement.

English Programs

With the introduction of a new English syllabus this year we have had a close look at how we teach this very important learning area, what our priorities are and how we can have a consistent approach with high expectations. This term we have introduced planning around a key concept. All classes will be focussing on ‘perspective’ including ‘point of view’. When reading or writing we will be talking about whose perspective is the author writing from and what impact does this have. We will also look at how the story changes if you take a different perspective. For example: the story of The Three Little Pigs from the wolf’s perspective, instead of from the usual pig’s perspective.

You can support this learning at home by reading stories together that have a definite point of view and discussing what that is. Fairy tales are excellent for this. With older children consider more challenging texts and things like various historical events where the event is generally told from the perspective of the ‘winner’.

Notes Sent Home This Week

Active After School Activities Permission Slip
- Surfing and Cricket
Choralfest
Swimming Scheme

Our intensive swimming scheme lessons begin on Monday, 20 October and run for 5 weeks. There is a note on the school website if you have not received one. All students from Years 2–6 are encouraged to attend. We have do have funds available to support families in times of financial hardship. Please request a note from the office. We do not want any child to miss out on learning this life saving skill.

Community Hall Turns 50

The local Nords Wharf Community Hall turns 50 this year. They are planning celebrations for Sunday, 9 November from 10 am – 2 pm. They have asked us to perform. I am still finalising the details with the organiser and should have more information for you next week.

New School Office Manager

Miss Kelly Wright will be leaving us at the end of the year to begin her new position at Marks Point PS. I have begun the process for employing a new School Office Manager. The position will be advertised next week, and then in three weeks we will conduct interview for this position. The process should be complete by mid November. The parent representative on the panel will be David Miller.

Bushfire Season

We are now entering into bushfire season and we are in a high-risk bush fire area. All classes were involved in a fire drill today. If a fire were to move through the school then we would, in the first instance, evacuate across the road towards the lake. We would also be taking instructions from the local fire brigade in order to move the students to a safe area.

As we are in a high-risk area, if a catastrophic warning is given, then the school will be closed for the day.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

Welcome back to school. Term 4 will be a busy term full of activities, assessments and celebrations.

Thank you to Evie P for sharing photos of the two chicks she adopted from our class last term. They have certainly grown much bigger already.

I will be attending a course on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

In preparation for Semester 2 reports, could you please send your child’s blue portfolio folder back to school if you haven’t done so yet?

Ms Hook

1/2

Welcome back to Term 4, which is always a very busy and exciting term! The Stars of the Week are Marc and Isabelle!

Well done to everyone who worked so hard on their project at the end of last term! They look fabulous and are very interesting! We were very impressed. The students will be sharing their projects with each other over the coming week and they will be displayed in our classroom. Great effort 1/2!

For those students who would like some extra homework tasks, an optional homework grid has been sent home for the term (as well as the Term 4 Overview). Students can choose 1 or 2 activities to complete each week.

Year 2 have the opportunity to be involved in the Intensive Swimming Program this term. Please ensure the permission note has been returned so your child can participate.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

It’s great to have everyone back, happy and healthy! The term has begun well with everyone working hard.

Could you please check with your child to ensure they have the equipment they need for class. They will need two HB or B pencils, coloured pencils, an eraser, ruler, red biro and a pencil case.

We have now received some little white boards that will assist in our lessons, particularly in our morning phonic drill. Ask your child about them.

I’ve noticed that many children are making spelling mistakes due to poor pronunciation. Could parents pay particular attention to how their child is speaking and perhaps we can improve in this area.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

We have had a great start to Term 4. We are underway with our learning about Perspective and Point of View within English. So far we have learnt that narratives can be told in First person, Third person limited or Third person omniscient. Very occasionally narratives are told in Second person. All the students have a good understanding of what this means.

We have painted a still life this week and they are terrific.
Over the weekend I will upload some photos to the class Weebly: http://456nwps.weebly.com

In Maths we have been learning about volume and capacity. There was a capacity activity on the homework sheet. These are important concepts. Additional hands on practice with measuring in ml and l at home will help clarify their understanding and improve their ability to estimate.

In Science, we are beginning a unit of work on the properties of materials, including change of state.

Captain’s speeches will now be held on November 27 due to a conflict in my schedule.

Year 5 & 6 parents, I propose that we meet on November 4 at 3:30 pm to plan the Year 6 Farewell. Please keep in mind that the transport to the Farewell is traditionally parent organised and that it can be difficult to hire vehicles if you leave it too close to the event. The Farewell is being held on December 8.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Julius    12 Oct
Sami      15 Oct

Coming Events
Term 4 Week 2

Monday 13 Oct    Aust Choir Visit
Tuesday 14 Oct   Active After School Activities
                 Surfing
Wed 15 Oct      Yr 5 GATS Lessons SHS
Thursday 16 Oct  Active After School Activities
                 Cricket—FULL

Band News!

Next week, Band lessons will take place on Friday instead of Wednesday. Please bring your music satchel with your instrument next Friday.

Ms Hook

Merit Awards

Class
Awards
1/2
Daniel
Maxwell
Bree
Alby
Aliyah
3/4
Sunny
Tiahna
Jay
Elsa
Bella
Evan
4/5/6
Beatie
Ryan
Jack
Ethan
Callum
Keeley
Alyssa
Jared
Brylee
Taj
Stanley
Charli

Reading Awards
Sunny
Jack

Green Awards
Ryan
Emily
Shontelle

Principals Award
Emily
Shontelle
Jesse K

Uniform Shop

OPEN ON THURSDAYS 9.00 AM—9.15 AM

There are rugby and long sleeved polo shirts on sale for $5.00—Must be sold!! Old stock.

Thanks Kylie and Tracey

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Canteen Roster:

- Friday 10 Oct  Closed
- Monday 13 Oct  Closed
- Wed 15 Oct  Closed

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**MMMM.... TRIVIA NIGHT.**

**Nords Wharf Community**

**Preschool Trivia Night**

**Fundraiser**

Join us for a fun night of questions, games, prizes and great company and help support your local community preschool!

**When:** Friday 24th October

**Where:** Atriplex Room, Caves Beachside Hotel

**Time:** 6.30pm registration for a 7pm start

**Cost:** Prebook & pay for a table of 6 or 8 people is $10 per person. Tickets at the door $15.00 plus raffles & gold coin donation games

*Donation of prizes greatly appreciated. All donations can be given to the preschool by Thursday 23rd October.*

Contact Kelly Nee, Quizmistress m:0415440930  or

Sonya Todd-Jones, Committee Secretary m: 0433 095 903
HITTING THE WINNING RUNS

Find out how you can create your own cricket moment at PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU

Summer in Australia means cricket.
And cricket is a fun way for kids to develop fundamental movement skills,
learn about teamwork and get involved in the local community.

SWANSEA-CAVES CRICKET CLUB
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS U13'S TEAMS
AGE: 11, 12 OR JUST TURNED 13 YRS
WE HAVE A COUPLE OF SPOTS LEFT
CONTACT: 02 4972 0462 OR 0466 915 490

TAKING THE FINAL WICKET

Find out how you can create your own cricket moment at PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU

Summer in Australia means cricket.
And cricket is a fun way for girls and boys to develop fundamental movement skills,
learn about teamwork and get involved in the local community.

SWANSEA-CAVES CRICKET CLUB
IN2CRICKET (MILO)
STARTING ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
4PM TO 5.30PM QUINN PARK
AGES: 5 TO 7 YEAR OLDS
CONTACT: 02 4972 0462
ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: ____________________________________________
First Name: ________________________________________________
Class: ______________________
Date/s of Absence: _________________________________________
Reason for Absence: _________________________________________

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Parent / Guardian Signature: _________________________________
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